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For: MODULARLY CONSTRUCTED RNA) Confirmation No.: 1167
MOLECULES HAVING TWO)
SEQUENCE REGION TYPES)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX SEQUENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 20, beginning at line 14, replace lines 14-26 with the following:

--Figure 1: human sequence (SEQ ID NO.:1) of the NINTROX gene

Figure 2: murine sequence (SEQ ID NO.:2) of the NINTROX gene

Figure 3: sequence comparison between human (SEQ ID NO.:1) (top) and murine
(SEQ ID NO.:2) (bottom) sequences

Solid bars: sequence-conserved regions (b)

Figure 4: energy diagram of the sequences (SEQ ID NOS.: 1,8,6,5,3,2,7 AND 4,
RESPECTIVELY) from figure 3